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PHILADELPHIA UNION OF ASSOCIATIONISTS,

AUXILIARY TO THE

AMERICAN UNION OF ASSOCIATIONISTS.

HALL OF THE UNION, ATHENÆUM BUILDING, SOUTH SIXTH STREET, OPPOSITE THE WASHINGTON SQUARE, SOUTH WEST ROOM, NO. 9, OF THE THIRD FLOOR.

CONSTITUTION,

As Amended and Adopted January 8, 1850.

ART. I. The name of this Society shall be "THE PHILADELPHIA UNION OF ASSOCIATIONISTS, AUXILIARY TO THE AMERICAN UNION OF ASSOCIATIONISTS."

ART. II. The object it has in view is the establishment of an Order of Society based upon a system of

Joint Stock Property;
Co-operative Labor;
Association of Families;
Equitable Distribution of Profits;
Mutual Guarantees;
Honors according to Usefulness;
Integral Education;

UNITY OF INTERESTS.

ART. III. This Union shall co-operate wfth the American Union of Associationists in collecting Funds, holding Meetings, publishing Documents, and in every other way endeavoring to diffuse the principles of Association and prepare for their practical application.

ART. IV. SEC. I. Persons desirous of attaching themselves to the Union, may be proposed in writing by any member at a regular Meeting, which proposition shall be referred to the "Group of Social Culture" for final action, provided that the vote thereon shall be taken by ballot, when, if the candidate receive a majority of all the ballots cast, he or she shall be declared elected to membership.

SEC. 2nd. The further conditions of membership shall be, the signing of the Constitution; and also the contribution of a weekly sum of money, the minimum of which shall be prescribed by the By-Laws. The amount of this contribution, for the remainder of the current fiscal year, shall be such as each person shall specify at the time of signing. At each annual meeting of the Union, a similar specification shall be made by each member for the ensuing fiscal year.

ART. V. The Officers of this Union shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Corresponding Secretary, a Librarian, a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer, who shall severally hold office for one year.

ART. VI. The functions of this Union shall be embodied, First, In the Union, at its Meetings; and Second, In Three Groups, which shall be entitled as follows.—1st, The Group of Practical Affairs; 2nd, The Group of Social Culture; and 3rd, The Group of Indoctrination. These Groups shall always be subject to the Union, which may withdraw their powers and dissolve them at pleasure.

ART. VII. The Annual Meeting of the Union shall be held on the second Tuesday in January, at which time the Officers shall be elected.

ART. VIII. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any Regular Meeting of the Union, by a vote of two thirds of the members present, such amendment having been proposed at a previous meeting.

Officers for 1850.

JOHN SARTAIN, *President.*
HANNAH L. STICKNEY, *Vice-President.*
ISAAC REHN, *Corresponding Secretary.*
HENRIETTE A. HADRY, *Recording Secretary.*
SAMUEL SARTAIN, *Librarian.*
A. W. HARRISON, *Treasurer.*

BY-LAWS,

As Amended and Adopted January 8, 1850.

I. Sec. 1st. The Regular Meetings of the Union shall be held on Tuesday evening of each and every week, at eight o'clock from 1st April to 1st October, and at half-past seven o'clock from 1st October to 1st April. The principal object of these Meetings shall be *Elementary* Indoctrination into the Principles of Association; and, incidentally, Social Intercourse.

Sec. 2nd. The Regular Meetings of the Groups shall be held on Friday evenings, as follows: The Group of Practical Affairs on the first, the Group of Indoctrination on the second and fourth, and the Group of Social Culture on the third Friday of each and every month.

II. The President, or by his request or in his absence the Vice-President, shall preside at all the meetings of the Union, enforce the Constitution and By-Laws, see that the other Officers perform their duties, and call Special Meetings whenever requested by five members.

III. On the President's taking the chair, the Secretary shall read the minutes of the previous meeting, and call over and record the names of the members present; and no member shall depart from the meeting while the President is in the chair, without his permission.

IV. The President shall, at his discretion, refer all matters of business, when presented, to such Groups as shall in his judgment be most appropriate, which Group shall report at the meeting next succeeding the action thereon.

V. The Corresponding Secretary shall, on receiving his port-folio, notify all Auxiliary Unions, and bodies of propagation and realization, of his own election and of that of the other Officers of the Union, and shall invite and maintain a friendly Correspondence with all of them. He shall exchange with each and all of them, facts, resolutions, statistics and reports pertaining to this Union, for any documents of similar character, which they or any of them may see fit to communicate; and he shall file all letters and documents received in his official capacity, in proper numerical order, and keep an index of them; and shall retain copies of his official correspondence, and produce them on a call of the Union. At the meetings next after the Annual Election for Officers, he shall present a condensed historical report of the progress of the movement for the year preceding.

VI. The Recording Secretary shall give the members due notice of all the meetings of the Union, keep minutes of its proceedings, and have the care of all its Records and Documents.

VII. Sec. 1st. The Librarian shall invite the contribution or loan of volumes from the members. He shall have charge of all books, pamphlets, tracts, pictures, statuary, and papers of whatever kind, belonging or loaned to, or held for sale by the Union. It shall be his duty to preserve them in proper numerical order, and to keep a correct catalogue of them. He shall make an entry of all consignments received, and sales made, in a book to be kept for that purpose, and shall distinguish in his catalogue, the books loaned to the Union, by the addition of the names of the members or other individuals to whom they belong.

Sec. 2nd. The Librarian may loan books or pamphlets to members by the single volume or number, on the payment by them of a fee of three cents per week, and of a fine of five cents additional should said books or pamphlets be detained longer than a week without his consent; and should any book or pamphlet loaned, be returned in a mutilated condition, or be lost or destroyed, he shall report the same to the President, who thereupon shall require full restitution to be made.

Sec. 3rd. The Librarian shall retain all payments made for loans, sales, fines, or as donations, for the benefit of the Library fund, and shall keep a register in which members may record the titles of such works as they desire to be added to the Library; and at the termination of each quarter, taking date from and after the evening of his election, he shall present a report of the state of the fund, its assets and liabilities, and any surplus may, by a vote of the Union, be appropriated to the purchase of any of the works recorded in the register by members of the Union, as before mentioned

VIII. The Treasurer shall receive and keep account of all moneys paid to and by the Union; discharge all bills arising under appropriations made by the Group of Practical Affairs and the Union, and report in writing, quarterly (commencing with the Annual Meeting) the condition of the Treasury, together with its probable receipts and obligations for the succeeding quarter, and any other interesting fiscal information which may be in his possession.

IX. The amount of Weekly Rent contributed by each member shall not be less than five cents, and all sums above this amount shall be reported by the Treasurer, when so desired, as anonymous contributions: Provided, that minors may contribute what weekly sum they may think proper.

X. The Contributions shall be regularly paid, and it shall be the duty of the Treasurer to attend to their collection.

XI. Any member may withdraw his name from the Union, by communicating his desire in writing at a regular meeting, and producing the Treasurer's receipt for the payment of his weekly rent in full to the close of the current fiscal year.

XII. The Functions of the Group of Practical Affairs shall be:

First. That of an Executive Committee of the Union, the care of the Hall, its furniture and decorations; and generally the superintendance of its practical affairs.

Second. It shall consider and promote the wisest method of carrying the principles of the Social Science into effect; and shall from time to time communicate to the Union all intelligence which may be received of the progress of the Cause of Association, and of existing or proposed attempts at Realization.

Third. The provision, management and disbursement of the funds to meet the current expenses of the Union and Groups: All other appropriations shall be reported to the next regular meeting of the Union, and if approved shall stand.

XIII. The Functions of the Group of Social Culture shall be:

To represent the Union in the Social Sphere; to receive and act upon proposals for membership; to devise and exercise its hospital-

ities; to foster a spirit of courtesy, kindliness and grace in the intercourse of its members; to provide appropriate music at its meetings; and to have charge of all annual and occasional festivities.

XIV. The Functions of the Group of Indoctrination shall be:

First. To study and discuss the Doctrines of Association in the course of the systematic perusal of the works of Fourier and other writers of the school: and

Second. From the stores of knowledge thus accumulated, to contribute to the interest and profit of the Weekly Meetings of the Union.

XV. The Groups shall consist of such members of the Union as may wish to join them; They shall meet at regular intervals, adopt rules for their government, and keep minutes of their proceedings. Each Group shall elect a Chief, Sub-chief, and Secretary, at the first meeting of the Groups after the Annual Meeting of the Union, who shall hold office for one year.

This By-Law, preceded, first, by Article VI. of the Constitution, and, second, by such one of the Tenth, Eleventh and Twelfth of these By-Laws as defines its Functions, shall be inscribed on the first page of the Book of Minutes belonging to each Group, as the Instrument or Constitution from which it derives its powers.

The Chiefs, respectively, shall make reports semi-annually of the proceedings of their Groups to the Union.

XVI. The By-Laws may be altered or amended at any Regular Meeting of the Union, by a vote of three-fourths of the members present, such alteration or amendment having been proposed at a previous meeting of the Union.

MEETINGS OF THE PHILADELPHIA UNION AND ITS GROUPS.

The Philadelphia Union of Associationists was framed, and its Constitution and By-Laws were adopted, at a Meeting of the Friends of Association in Philadelphia, held the 7th day of April, 1847, the Anniversary of the Birth of Fourier. Persons of either sex, whether resident in Philadelphia or not, who are interested in and friendly to this cause, which is believed to be the highest, because comprehensive, of all causes, are invited to attend and participate in its proceedings.

REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE UNION.

The Regular Meetings of the Union are held at the Hall, weekly, throughout each year,

ON TUESDAY EVENINGS,

At 8 o'clock, from the 1st of April to the 1st of October, and at half-past 7 o'clock from the 1st of October to the 1st of April.

REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE GROUPS.

The Regular Meetings of the Groups are held weekly, throughout each year,

ON FRIDAY EVENINGS,

At the same hours.

AMERICAN UNION OF ASSOCIATIONISTS.

This Society, of which the Philadelphia Union is an auxiliary, was formed on the 27th of May, 1846. Previous to this organization the efforts of Associationists had been altogether desultory. Though the cause ranked among its supporters men of high attainments and varied talents, and though these were remarkable for the zeal which they displayed in the diffusion of Social Science and the patient endurance they manifested amid the trials of premature efforts at realization, yet no *system* of operation characterized their labors. Acting in the belief that *one* successful movement practically demonstrative of the truths of Association would be all sufficient to insure the general prevalence of the new or Combined Order of Society, the pioneers of the cause are not to be censured for a neglect of the systematic propagation of abstract truth.

It soon became evident, however, that the cause was growing languid from imperfect respiration. While its pioneers were struggling for the establishment of Model Phalanxes, they were unavoidably neglecting the true preliminary step of extensive and systematic propagandism, or in other words the provision of a pure and bracing atmosphere of sympathy and co-operation. Reason and experience now united in recommending the formation of a National organization, as a centre for all the associative effort of the country. This resulted in the establishment of the American Union of Associationists, whose objects and organization differ from those of Local Unions only so far as they fill a more universal sphere.

This body assemble annually during Anniversary Week in the City of New York, whilst its Executive Committee meets as occasion may require.

The following is a List of its Officers, who together form the Executive Committee:

President. Horace Greeley, New York.

Vice-Presidents. [The Presidents of all Affiliated Unions are ex-officio Vice-Presidents of the American Union, and Members of its Executive Committee.]

Domestic Corresponding Secretary. W. H Channing, Boston.

Foreign Corresponding Secretary. Chas. A. Dana, New York.

Recording Secretary. John S. Dwight, Boston.

Treasurer. Frederick S. Cabot, Boston.

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